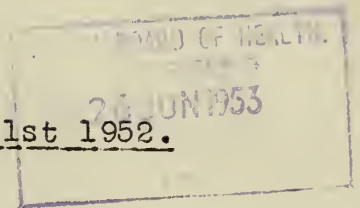


BOROUGH OF KIDWELLY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st 1952.

TO THE KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL.



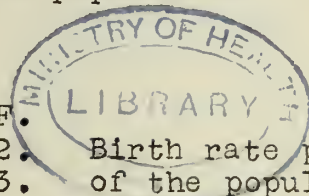
Gentlemen,

We beg to submit the annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1952.

SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH.

- (a) Your district covers an area of 2844 acres.
- (b) Population (Mid-year 1952) Est. by Registrar General. 2986
- (c) Number of inhabited houses (end of 1952) 851
- (d) Number of families or separate occupiers. 901
- (e) Rateable Value. £8666
- (f) Sum represented by a Penny Rate on R.R.V. £32
- (g) Unemployment. The average number of unemployment for the year was 30 weekly out of an insurable population of 1200 which is equivalent to 2.5%

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.



		Total	M.	F.	
(h) Live Births	(Legitimate)	41	19.	22.	Birth rate per 1000 of the population; 15.07.
	(Illegitimate)	4	1.	3.	
(i) Still Births	(Legitimate)	Nil			
	(Illegitimate)	Nil			
(j) Deaths		47.	36.	11.	Death rate per 1000 of the population: 15.74.
(k) Deaths from puerperal causes:-		Nil			
(l) Death rate of Infants under 1 years of age:-					
All Infants per 1,000 live births.....		44.4			
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.....		48.8			
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....		Nil.			
(m) Cancer all ages.....		15			
		Total.	M.	F.	
(n) New cases of respiratory tuberculosis.		8.	4.	4.	
(o) New cases of non-respiratory tuberculosis.		Nil			
(p) Death from tuberculosis.		Nil			
(q) <u>Causes of Deaths in the Borough.</u>		Male.	Female.		
Malignant neoplasm stomach.		1	1		
Malignant neoplasm: lung bronchus.		2	-		
Malignant neoplasm: uterus.		-	1		
Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms.		4	6		
Leukaemia; Aleukaemia		1	-		
Vascular lesions of nervous system.		3	1		
Coronary disease, angina.		5	1		
Hypertension with heart disease.		1	-		
Other heart disease.		4	-		
Bronchitis.		2	-		
Other diseases of the respiratory system.		7	-		
Nephritis and nephrosis.		1	-		
Hyperplasia of prostate.		2	-		
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.		3	1		
		<u>36</u>	<u>11</u>		

TOTAL - 47.

SECTION B - PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

In general, it was a healthy year. There were no epidemics. Though paratyphoid fever was prevalent in many areas of South Wales during the summer and autumn, no cases occurred in the Borough. It is also pleasing to report that there were no food poisoning or dysentery infections.

Few cases of infectious diseases were notified. In April, a boy aged six years developed acute poliomyelitis. He had a mild attack, made a good recovery and there was no definite paralysis. In the Autumn, seven cases of whooping cough were reported.

As in other parts of the country, tuberculosis still causes some concern. There were however during the year no deaths from this disease. Eight new cases of respiratory tuberculosis - 4 males and four females were notified. Despite investigation, no source of infection was discovered. In a community such as Kidwelly, where cases of silicosis and pneumoconiosis occur, it is not uncommon for some of these cases to develop an undetected tuberculosis infection and act as a source of infection. No new cases of non-respiratory tuberculosis occurred.

A special invitation was sent by the Town Council to the Mass Radiography Service of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board. The invitation was accepted and arrangements were made for a unit of this service to visit the Borough in January, 1953.

No cases of diphtheria occurred. 85 children were immunised against the disease during the year.

SECTION C - PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF OF THE BOROUGH.

1. Medical Officer of Health:-

Dr.D.Bevnon Davies, M.B., Ch.B., (up to 30th April, 1952)

Dr.D.J.Davies, M.B.E., B.Sc., M.D., B.S., D.P.H., (from 1st May 1952)

2. Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor and Engineer.

J.E.Vaughan Evans, F.R.I.C.S., M.I.Mun.E., (Testamur)
M.R.San.I., A.M.I.S.E., Registered Architect.

SECTION D - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER. The Town's supply is obtained from wells in different parts of the district, and from deep seated springs tapped and delivered by cast iron mains to the Town. All supplies are constant.

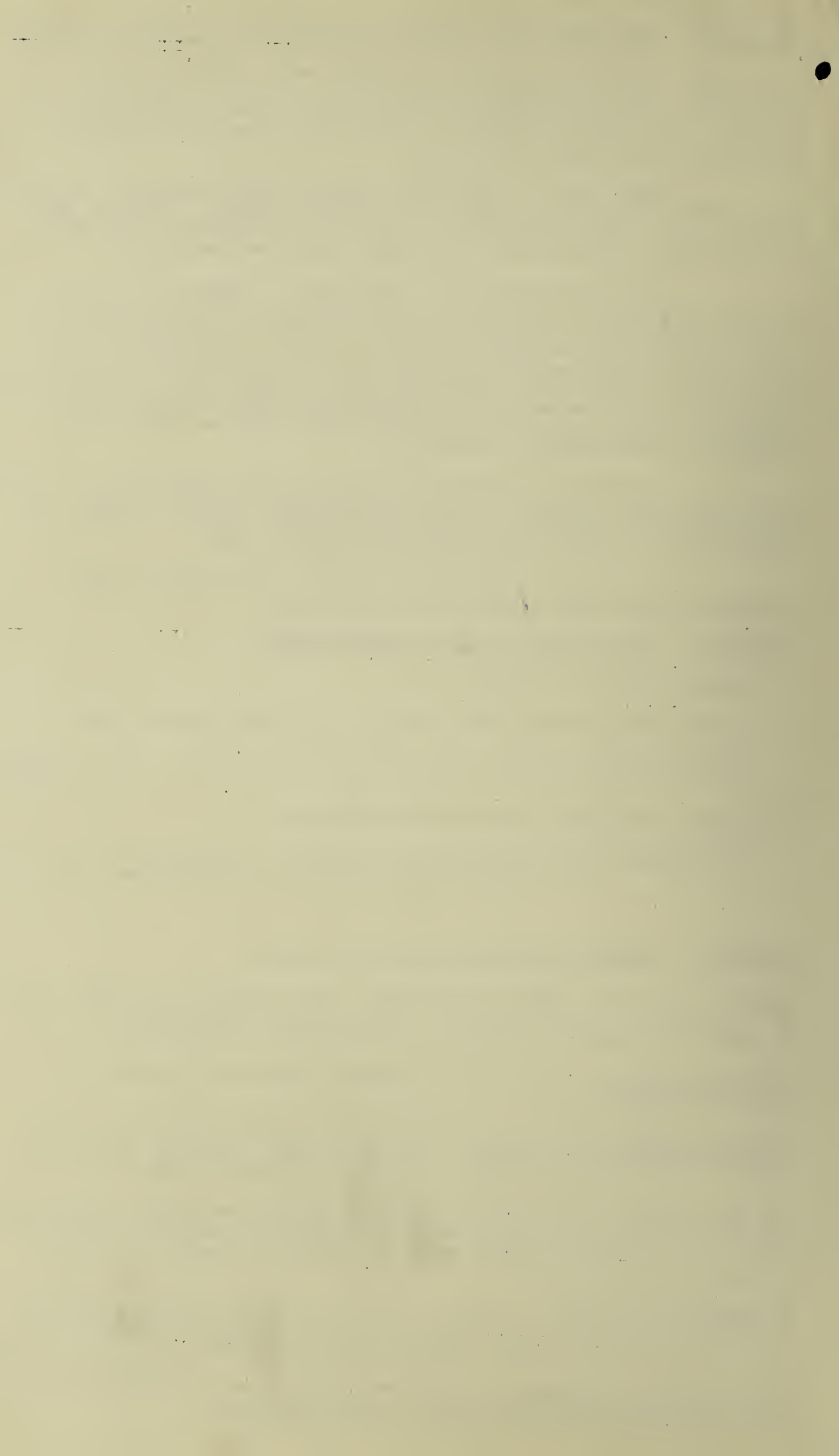
CAPEL SUL SUPPLY. This yields a minimum supply of about 30,000 gallons per day.

MILLANDS SUPPLY. During the summer months, this supply is used to augment the Capel Sul Supply. During the year 1952 the pumps were used for 1395 hours as compared with 1036 hours in 1951.

CAE CEFN SUPPLY. This supply gives a minimum flow of 30,000 gallons per day. A gauging chamber has been fixed to record the overflow from the collecting chamber, which has shown a constant flow of 10,000 gallons daily.

MAESGWENLLIAN SUPPLY. This is from deep seated springs tapped in a disused Silver Mine Adit Level, giving a minimum supply of about 50,000 gallons in 24 hours. There is a storage tank for 10,000 gallons.

CHLORINATION OF SUPPLIES. The three supplies are constantly chlorinated and chlorination tests of water are taken daily..



CONSUMPTION OF WATER. The estimated consumption of water for the year was:-

Domestic consumption.....25.70 gallons per day.
Industrial consumption... 7.50 gallons per day.
33.20 gallons per day.

The supplies have been satisfactory in quantity. 67 samples of water were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory. Examinations are made by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen. 37 examinations were made of raw water. The waters are not plumbo-solvent.

All houses have direct supplies except 89 which are supplied from standpipes. The population supplied by standpipes is 298 which is 9.8%.

RIVERS AND STREAMS. No action was necessary during the year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. There are 92 houses connected to the Hillfield Sewer which flows into a septic tank near Morfa Mawr Embankment and discharges into the Gwendraeth Fach River which is tidal.

No. of houses connected to Sewer. 253

No. of houses to cesspool.....101

No. of cesspools in area..... 70

The remainder of houses have earth closets.

No. of notices served to lay sewers through private land....323.

SEWERAGE SCHEME. A Sewerage Scheme for the Borough was commenced on the 23rd November, 1951, and good progress has been made. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by September, 1953.

The Council are making preparations for the houses to be connected up to the new sewer.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. There are two Public Conveniences in the Centre of the Town which are cleaned and disinfected daily.

SCAVENGING. House refuse is collected weekly from all houses in the Borough by motor lorry and is tipped on the Morfa Mawr Embankment and Parc Stephens.

SALVAGE. Salvage collection for the year was:-

	tons.	cwts.	qrs.
Paper cardboard.....	30	0.	0.
Scrap iron.....	1	10.	0.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Houses inspected for nuisance.....	10
Houses fumigated after infectious diseases.....	5
Factories.....	13
Dairies.....	10
Ice cream premises.....	20
Bakehouses.....	4
Butcher's shop.....	14
Cinema.....	3
Rat infestation.....	204
Drains.....	17
Water courses.....	7
Public Conveniences.....	52
Refuse Tip.....	26
Water Supply.....	192

LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

Repairs to water services.....	192
Repairs to doors.....	7
Repairs to roof.....	9
Repairs to chimneys.....	2
Galv. tanks, copper cylinders and boilers replaced.....	23
Sanitary fittings.....	17
Drain blockages cleared.....	17



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Notices served under Section 23 - 1925 of the Public Health Act...1

SHOPS. No notices were served under Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1933.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. Smoke does not give rise to any nuisance.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such baths in the Borough, but a considerable amount of sea-bathing is enjoyed during the summer months by the inhabitants.

SCHOOLS. The three schools in the Borough are Infants and Primary. They are kept in a hygienic condition. The water supplies are from the Council's mains. Canteens are available in each school.

The school Medical Officer is Dr. Rees Evans. The Borough Medical Officer of Health works in conjunction with him and his staff. It was not necessary to close the schools on account of any epidemic. The powers to exclude any individual children and contacts are used.

85 children from the Borough attend Burry Port Central School. They are conveyed to and from school by bus.

MORTUARY. 13 Post Mortems were held in the Council's Mortuary during the year 1952, as compared with 6 in 1951.

CAMPING SITES. There are no camping sites in the Borough.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS & BAKEHOUSES.

Number inspected.....8

Number certified for limewashing by Inspector.....1

SECTION E - HOUSING.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defects under Public Health or Housing Act.....43
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....43
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.....8
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....8
3. (a) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the proceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....1
4. (a) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.1

REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....8

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of Housing Act, 1936.

1. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
By owners.....9
By Local Authority in default of owners.....Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....4

Proceeding under Public Health Acts.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....2

- (b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
- By owners.....2
- By Local Authority in default of owners.....2

Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of Demolition Orders were made.....1
- (b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....1

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....Nil
- (b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit.....Nil

HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDED.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year..13
- (b) Number of families dwelling therein.....34
- (c) Number of persons dwelling therein.....102
- (d) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year..10
- (e) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....16
- (f) Number of persons concerned in such cases.....40
- (g) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.....Nil

HOUSING GENERALLY. 2 Houses were completed by private enterprise during 1952.

HOUSING PROGRAMME OF THE COUNCIL.

Houses already built and occupied on Hillfied Housing Site.....32.
Houses already built and occupied on Horeb Road Housing Site.....20.
Number of houses built and occupied on Priory Road Housing Site..30.
Number of houses to be built on Priory Road Housing Site.....12.
Number of bungalows built and occupied on Priory Road Site..... 8.
Number of bungalows in course of construction..... 4.
Number of houses to be built on Pen-yr-Erw Housing Site..... 6.
Number of building licences issued requiring repairs..... 4.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLIES. There are 9 registered milk vendors in the area.

Licences are granted in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

Examinations of all registered dairy premises are made by the Sanitary Inspector. The dairies are kept in a very good condition and particular attention is paid to cans and utensils.

Under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Carmarthenshire County Inspectors take samples of milk for examination in regard to addition of water and percentage of fat.

BUTTER FACTORY. There is one Butter Factory in the Borough.

Number of notices served to carry out repairs.....1

MEAT ETC. Bakehouses, shops and vehicles are regularly inspected and premises are always kept clean.

Public Health Meat Regulations are complied with.

SECTION 14 FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938. 16 Certificates were issued under this section during the year.

Number of inspections made under this section.....16

ICE-CREAM. There are 6 vendors in the Borough, 2 of which are producers. The premises and utensils are kept very clean.

Number of certificates issued.....Nil

Number of notices served to remedy defects.....Nil

20 samples of ice-cream were taken and upon examination were found to be in the following grades:-

GRADE 1	-	11
GRADE 2	-	6
GRADE 3	-	2
GRADE 4	-	1

ADULTERATION ETC. No action was necessary under the various powers.

SHELL-FISH. There are no shell-fish beds in the district.

RODENT CONTROL. The Council employ a Rodent Operator for the destruction of rats in the Borough.

	Local Authority.	Dwelling House.	Agricul.	All other.	TOTAL.
Total No.of properties in Local Authority's District.	3	816	41	150	1010
No.of properties inspected by the L.A. during 1952, as a result of (a)notification	(a)	48		150	198
(b) survey or otherwise.	(b) 3	550			553
No.of properties inspected (see Section 2 which were found to be seriously infested by rats.	Major				
	Minor 1	240		86	327
No.of properties inspected (see Section 2 which were found to be seriously infested by mice.		12			12
No.of infested properties (see Section 3 and 4 treated by the L.A.		252		86	339
Number of "block" control schemes carried out.	48				

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

Total number of manholes in foul and connected systems.....	206
Number of treatments carried out.....	2
Number of manholes baited.....	206
Number of manholes showing prebait take.....	80
Number of manholes showing complete prebait take.....	38

We remain,
Your obedient Servants,

D.J.DAVIES, M.O.H.

J.E.VAUGHAN EVANS, SANITARY INSPECTOR.

